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RIVER COAL TRADE FOR YEAR UP TO AVERAGE

Annual Report is Made of Shipments Through Lock No. 4

SUMMER MONTHS SLACK

Falling Off Trade Begins in June and Continues Until October

Although falling below the high records of 1910 and 1909 the river coal trade along the Monongahela valley for the past year, as indexed by the annual lock report was well up to the average. During the year through Lock No. 4, there were 170,058,000 bushels of coal locked down stream. During 1910 coal passing through Lock No. 4 totaled 186,435,000 bushels, 16,382,000 bushels or about a month's shipments better than this year. The 1909 shipments of coal were even better yet, totaling 192,778,000.

Comparing the first six months of 1911 with the first six months of 1910, there is only a little over one million bushels of a lead shown by the latter. The loss this year was during June, July, August and September. June took the record this year for the least amount of coal shipped through Lock No. 4, only 8,176,000 bushels being locked.

Although a good stage prevailed in the Monongahela river the year around, the Ohio was low during the summer months, keeping barges tied up. Leasing for about five months this condition was largely responsible for the slack trade during the summer. Weather conditions were fair along the Monongahela valley all year, with an average per month of 3.64 inches rainfall. The least was during March, when there was 1.82 inches of a fall, and the most was in August when there was an exceptional rainfall of 7.05 inches.

The coal report for the year 1911 follows:

January	17,067,000
February	18,198,000
March	19,562,000
April	15,962,000
May	15,533,000
June	8,176,000
July	9,327,000
August	10,565,000
September	11,562,000
October	13,120,000
November	15,359,000
December	15,632,000
Total	170,053,000

In addition to the coal there was

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BAD FIRE REPORTED

By a fire which started in the store of Paul Karlosky on the hill at North Charleroi today about 2 o'clock, it is said the Karlosky house was burned down. Other houses nearby caught fire and at the last report were burning rapidly. It is feared a whole section in a good part of the residential district on the North Charleroi hill may be destroyed. A call for aid was sent to the Charleroi fire department which responded.

Directors Entertain

Teachers and Members of New School Board Spend Merry Evening

Teachers of the Charleroi schools were entertained by the new board of directors Tuesday evening in the lecture room of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. The affair was arranged so that teachers and directors would become acquainted. Addresses were made by W. D. Pollock, president of the board, Dr. F. C. Stahlman and Prof. James G. Pentz. Prof. I. T. Daniel sang a solo, and Mrs. Dollie Jeffries gave a reading. A sextet composed of Misses McGee, Hawthorne, Hopkins, Dora and Nora Swan, and Florence Crill.

MINES IN DISTRICT DO WELL

Report Shows Slight Falling Off From 1910 Mark

RIVER COAL INCREASES

Figures computed by Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham, of the Twenty-first bituminous district show that the coal production in the district during the year 1911 was slightly less than that of 1910, although more than the production in 1909. In 1911 there were approximately 6,846,986 tons of coal mined in the district as compared with 6,945,710 tons in 1910, and 6,698,469 tons in 1909. Thus it is seen that there was a decrease of about 98,000 tons from the tonnage of 1910 and an increase of 158,000 over that of 1909. The Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company mined about 250,000 tons more than in 1910 while the Vesta mines dropped 600,000 tons below their previous year's mark, owing to Vesta No. 1 and No. 3 mines being practically worked out. A number of smaller mines surpassed their tonnage of 1910, while some fell below.

New Charleroi Applicant. A total of 60 applications for liquor licenses have been filed in Washington county, eight less than last year. All the present hotel men of Charleroi are applicants, the only new one in town being Leonard Schmaabach, who seeks a wholesale license.

Great Show at the Palace. Friday night, January 5—"Cinderella"—three reels, 99 scenes. 300 people. 132-11

You can get a Cluet \$1.50 dress shirt for \$1.35 at Murdock & McCarty's. 115-1f

NORTH CHARLEROI COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Councilman Zollers Resigns and Samuel Gaskill is Elected in His Place—David Schaffer President

North Charleroi council held its reorganization meeting Tuesday evening at the North Charleroi council chambers, and elected officers to serve for the ensuing year. David Schaffer was elected president; Russel Metz, secretary; and D. M. McCloskey, solicitor. The finance committee was authorized to receive propositions on the handling of borough funds next year.

EIGHTEEN MURDERS COMMITTED IN YEAR

Coroner James Heffran Submits His Annual Report—Nearly Three Hundred Cases of Violent Deaths

Coroner James T. Heffran has just completed his annual report which shows that during the past year he investigated 292 violent deaths in the county, an increase of 29 over the preceding year. Of the violent and sudden deaths last year Canonsburg contributed the largest share owing to the theatre catastrophe in August when 26 people lost their lives in a panic, and a mine accident earlier in the year. During the year juries were empanelled and inquests held on 65 cases, the other cases being closed on the coroner's view. Five male adults were buried during the year without identification.

Eighteen persons were murdered in the county during the year and in many of these cases whiskey was responsible. Suicides are on the decline as there were eight less in 1911 than in the year previous, the total number this year being 16.

Fifty-one persons were killed on the railroads of the county and 38 of these were due to the victims being trespassers, 10 of whom were intoxicated. The mines of the county claimed 81 victims, two less than in the year 1910. The factories of the county claimed but two victims during the year. Street railways claimed but one. Twenty-four persons met death by drowning and three of these were due to intoxication. Three persons were killed by automobiles.

Coroner Heffran in submitting his report advises the establishing of swimming pools over the county, or certain waters designated as such and have a competent person in charge, thus avoiding many deaths from this cause. He cites Donora as the pathfinder along this line. He also recommends that every miner must pass an examination before he is permitted to work in a mine alone.

LEAP YEAR DANCE IMPORTANT EVENT

Misses Estenfelder Are Hostesses at Brilliant Function

Pink and white mingled with the delicate shades of feathery ferns and the darker green of fir pine branches, all arranged in tasteful proportion in carrying out the idea of a house-party made the Bank of Charleroi Hall a charming place Tuesday evening and together with the beautiful costumes of the women presented a dazzling sight. The occasion was the leap year ball given by the Misses Estenfelder, of Charleroi. The event was the first of the leap year and assumed the place of one of the leading society functions of the winter season.

Center tables and pedestals were arranged throughout the hall, each bearing its share of decorations. A settee at one end of the hall and seats scattered along the sides of the brilliantly decorated room lent a charming home appearance.

Screened behind a bank of ferns

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NEW PATROLMAN IS INITIATED

When a man giving his name as E. Gussy was arrested Tuesday night the newly-elected policeman, James Murphy got his first "baptism of fire." It is stated Gussy had put considerable red eye to rout during the evening with the result that he was feeling rather joyous. He was ejected, it is stated from the bar room of the Hotel Charleroi and then taken in charge by Patrolmen Gust Brickner and Murphy. Gussy objected to this system and objected strenuously. He was finally put in a cell. At a later hearing he was fined \$11.85, including costs by Burgess Risbeck, but not having the ready money is still in the lockup thinking it over.

CANDY MEN SUE PURE FOOD MEN

Allege Sensationalism is One of Motives in Prosecution of State Agents

John Jenkins, together with his chief, Pure Food Commissioner James Foust, and the rest of the latter's agents, were made defendants in a suit in equity filed in the United States District court in Pittsburgh on Tuesday by candy manufacturers. The manufacturers allege that Commissioner Foust and his agents have inaugurated a crusade against certain candy manufacturers for the purpose of creating a sensation instead of in the interests of the public health. The action of the commissioner is said to create public distrust and prove injurious to the business interests of the Pennsylvania manufacturers.

Preparatory Services.

Beginning tonight services will be held three nights at the First Presbyterian church preparatory for the communion service on Sunday. Rev. W. F. McKee of Monongahela will preach Thursday evening.

POOR BOARD NAMES MATRON

After two days voting and wrangling the Washington County Poor Board Tuesday evening elected Mrs. Hettie Porch of Pittsburgh matron of the Washington County Children's Home. Mrs. Porch at present is matron of the Protestant Orphans Asylum in Perryville avenue, Northside. She will succeed Mrs. Mary Rockey, who was not a candidate for re-election. The matron's salary has been increased to \$1,000, double that of the past. John W. Quivey was elected superintendent of the Washington County Home. Few changes were made in the management.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE UP THEIR DUTIES

Contract Let For Bridge

Philadelphia Concern Starts Work on Pennsylvania Railroad Structure

The Drake and Stratton company of Philadelphia holds the contract for the construction of the Monongahela river bridge at Brownsville to be built for the Pennsylvania railroad. The structure will be a two-track span, the main river span being a truss 401 feet center to center of the piers, with deck girder approaches of 100 feet span. The bridge will give a clearance of 55 feet from the under side of the truss to the pool level of the river. Work has been started.

REPORTS WORK OF CHARITY

Volunteers of America Provide for Poor at Christmas Time

NUMBER STILL IN NEED

H. E. Herschelroath, captain of the Charleroi Post of the Volunteers of America, submits his report of the special dinner and aid given the poor and needy on Christmas, for which a special effort was made for donations for this occasion.

The amount of cash received for this effort was \$44.19, of which \$16.10 was collected and \$28.09 was donated. Groceries and provisions were donated to the value of \$3.80. The value of clothing and shoes donated was \$20 and toys to the value of \$42.77 were also disbursed among the little ones.

Thirty-two baskets of food and other articles sufficient to make a meal for 117 persons were also distributed. Dinner was served in the hall of the Volunteer headquarters, and in all a total of 132 persons were fed on Christmas day by the collections and donations. Capt. Herschelroath is grateful for the aid rendered by the people of Charleroi and makes a request for further donations of clothing as a number of families are still in need.

Entertains Friends.

Miss Myrtle Dunmire entertained a number of friends on Sunday evening at a watch party. People were present from Charleroi, Monessen, Belle Vernon, Pittsburgh, and Brownsville. Interesting diversions were provided and lunch was served.

Mabel Taliaferro at the Palace.

Friday night, January 5, as "Cinderella" in the great Selig production. 132-11

Bath robes and smoking jackets. Murdock & McCarty. 115-1f

Wholesale Changes Effected When New Men Begin Work

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Hill Elected President—Barnum Votes for Monongahela Valley Men

Sweeping changes in the personnel of Washington county officials marked the beginning of the new year at Washington Monday. The following officers were sworn in: Commissioners, John A. Berry (re-elected), Thomas Hill (re-elected) and A. P. Barnum; treasurer, Samuel W. Downer; register, Boyd C. Parshall; sheriff, R. G. Lutton; prothonotary, A. V. Lewis; clerk of courts, William S. Lockhart; coroner, James T. Heffran (re-elected); district attorney, Richard G. Miller; county engineer, George S. Cheney (re-elected); poor directors, R. C. Buchanan (re-elected), Dr. R. W. Wolf and H. D. Browneller.

H. R. Campbell was re-elected as chief clerk to the commissioners, and his salary was increased from \$1,700 a year to \$1,800 a year. Carl D. Schultz was chosen assistant chief clerk, and his salary increased from \$1,400 a year to \$1,500. John Aiken was re-elected clerk and his salary increased from \$840 a year to \$900 a year. Eva Dodds was elected a clerk, and her salary was increased from \$720 a year to \$750. Miss Genevieve Downer, has been employed in the office as a stenographer to the commissioners and her salary fixed at \$55 a month, or \$665 a year.

The salary of C. S. Ritchie, deputy controller, was left the same as the past year, \$1,800. Mark M. Decker, voucher clerk for the controller, was given a large increase in salary. He has been getting \$900 a year and his salary was fixed at \$1,100.

C. B. Kellogg's salary as engineer of the county buildings, will remain the same, \$1,200 a year, as will the salary of J. H. McCormick, assistant engineer of the county buildings who receives \$900 a year. Ed. McCutcheon, superintendent, will receive the same, \$85 a month, and Louis G. Mosebay, assistant superintendent, will receive an increase of \$5 on the month or \$70 a month.

Messrs. Chaney and Armstrong were re-elected engineers, at an increase in salary from \$2,400 a year to \$3,000. The reason for this increase, the commissioners stated, was that last year only one of the firm devoted his entire time to the work, and the other a part of the time. This year both members of the firm will be required to devote their entire time to the work of this office.

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GOOD ATTRACTIONS AT STAR THEATRE

Tonight, "Before Yorktown." A big two reel feature of the Civil War.

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dence of good faith and not neces-
sarily for publication, must invariably
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TELEPHONES

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first insertion. Rates for large space
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ness locals, notices of meetings, re-
solutions of respect, cards of thanks,
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and similar advertising including that
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live stock estray notices, notices to
teachers, 10 cents per line, first inser-
tion, 5 cents a line each additional in-
sertion.

LOCAL AGENCIES

G. S. Micht.....Charleroi
Mrs. Belle Sharpnack.....Lock No. 4
C. T. Hixenbaugh.....Belle Vernon
C. T. Hixenbaugh.....Speers

Jan. 3 In American History.

1740—Benedict Arnold, brilliant Revo-
lutionary leader, who deserted to the
British, born; died 1801.

1777—Washington defeated the Brit-
ish at Princeton, N. J.

1910—Charles W. Morse, convicted
New York banker, began a fifteen
year sentence in the United States
penitentiary at Atlanta.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)
Sun sets 4:45, rises 7:25; moon sets
7:23 a. m.; 7:30 a. m., eastern time,
full moon; 7:42 a. m., moon at perigee,
nearest earth; this makes the moon
extraordinarily large in appearance;
5:30 a. m., eastern time, all Jupiter's
large satellites seen on west of planet;
quadrantid meteors finish.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE GAINS

The novel spectacle of a coterie
of prominent Pittsburgh women talk-
ing for woman's suffrage in one of
the prominent theatres of the city is
being witnessed this week. This
move, no doubt meets with the good,
natured toleration of many people
of that city who are under the fond
delusion that woman's suffrage is a
fad, and that the movement in this
State has no special significance.
Those who thus regard woman suf-
frage will sooner or later realize
their mistake. The movement has
made great strides in the United
States during the past year.

It was in California in particular
that the suffrage cause received a
new baptism of militant fire. That
great State in its election of Octo-
ber 12, voted for the woman suffrage
amendment by a majority of 4,000
after a campaign in which every
conceivable appeal was made by
the women and their male backers
to attract attention. Suffrage amend-
ments were voted for submission by
the law makers of Wisconsin and Ne-
vada. Such amendments were defeat-
ed in Massachusetts, New York, Iowa
and Minnesota, but by closer mar-
gins than ever before.

One of these days there will be an
awakening in Pennsylvania in favor
of woman suffrage that will anchor
the Keystone State among those
Commonwealths who do not believe
in taxation without representation.
That day is not far distant.

A VITAL ISSUE.

According to the reports of the
coal shipments through Lock No. 4
for the year, mining interests would
have been more brisk the fore part
of the season had there been suf-
ficient boating stage in the Ohio river.
Because of this much business was
lost from the Pittsburgh district in
coal shipments at a time when coal

was in demand. Later in the year
the demand for coal fell off, and the
mining interests of the Monongahela
valley were thus doubly affected.
Perhaps the effect at the end of the
year would have been the same, but
the chances are that the volume of
river traffic would have been great-
er for the year had there been suf-
ficient water to get the coal to market
when there was a demand for it.

This again emphasizes the neces-
sity of the canalizing of the Ohio
river, a project to which the Govern-
ment is now committed within a
specified time, thanks to the efforts
and aid of J. K. Tener, when the
latter was in Congress and a member
of the Rivers and Harbors committee.
Largely through the efforts of Mr.
Tener the Government was com-
mitted to the canalizing project in
twelve years. Subsequent events,
however, have shown that the time
may be vastly shortened, if the pro-
ject is given the proper attention in
Congress. A boating stage at all
times in the Ohio will keep the mines
of the Monongahela valley running
whenever there is a demand for the
product, and will put a stop to in-
voluntary checks to industry that
are now imposed.

A Congress favorable to internal
water ways improvements is of vital
interest to the Monongahela valley.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

To the girls: It's suffraget year.

One good resolution that wasn't
made was to quit advising.

An exchange says that the aver-
age resolution smells of mothballs.

General Keyas has resolved, so
they say, to stay out of jails he has
already tried.

January, February, March April,
then May 30—five months until an-
other vacation.

A little ventilation along with the
elevation would do the stage more
than a little good.

We are practicing up to be able to
say with the best dramatic effect,
"This is so sudden."

There's nothing can astonish a
girl more than to knit a tie for her
brother and find that he will wear it.

There is considerable difference in
what our home looks to us to our
neighbors and to the tax assessor, if
we see him first.

That proverb advising people to
"grin and bear it" is wearing out.
People of today can bear it better
without grinning.

An exchange states that some peo-
ple eat with their knives because the
kind of fork given them by their
hostess always leaks.

New York is to try girls as deputy
sheriffs. The only trouble is that the
criminals will be afraid they won't
be pursued by a posse.

A Michigan woman has 25 boys all
old enough to vote. If she has any
influence over them sheought to com-
mand some pull with the politicians.

Some Congressmen spend so much
time lecturing that it is a source of
wonder when they find occasion to
represent their district in the Na-
tional House.

HE WAS WISE.



Conductor (crowded street car)—
Move forward, please!
Passenger—Not on your life. This
lady sitting here is my wife, and if
anyone sits in her lap it's going to be
me. I'm wise to this road's curves,
all right.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"Because moving picture shows
are cheap is no reason why they are
morally bad, as many people profess
to believe," said R. L. Barnhart of
the Palace Theatre a day or two ago
when the subject of the moral effect
of moving pictures was under dis-
cussion. "I recall the words of a
prominent minister out in Decatur,
Illinois, which I noticed in a news-
paper the other day on this very sub-
ject. He said:

"People who know little about
motion pictures are in the habit of
declaring that they produce only low
standards of morality. But such
persons, unfortunately, are falling
into a grievous error. We need to
free ourselves from the superstition
that virtue always wears a frock
coat and a silk hat, and that vice is
generally dressed in overalls and a
flannel shirt. A theatrical manager
with whom I recently talked said:

"The poor people want clean
shows; it is the rich people who like
smut."

"This minister further states that
he once saw a gruesome picture in
which a wife's infidelity to her hus-
band was visited by summary ven-
geance. As he was going out he
overheard a working girl say to an-
other:

"Say, Mollie, if ever I get mar-
ried I'm going to be straight with
my man. It doesn't pay to be
crooked."

"This, the minister says, is a mo-
to he would like to inculcate in the
minds of all business men and poli-
ticians, as well as future wives and
husbands."

"Professor Frederick Starr of the
University of Chicago, is an enthu-
siastic supporter of the motion pic-
ture, especially from an educational
standpoint," continued Mr. Barnhart,
as he produced a newspaper clipping
which quotes the great educator
thusly:

"I have seen Niagara thunder
over her gorge in the noblest frenzy
ever beheld by man—I have watch-
ed a Queensland river under the
white light of an Australian moon—
I have been to the Orient and gazed
at the water sellers, beggars and
dervishes—I know how the Chinaman
lives and I have been, through the
homes of the Japanese—I have mar-
veled at the daring of the Alpine
tobogganists and admired the won-
derful skill of Norwegian ski jump-
ers—I have seen armies upon the
battle-field and their return in tri-
umph—I have looked upon weird
dances and outlandish frolics in
every quarter of the globe, and I
didn't have to leave Chicago for a
moment."

WISE OR OTHERWISE.

Wise is the man who knows just
when not to laugh.

Free speech has enabled many a
man to give himself away.

Some things that come to those
who wait are badly moth eaten.

The less some people are able to
amuse you the less they like it.

Some people's idea of a helping
hand is one that is lined with silver.

It sometimes happens that when a
man loses his reputation he is lucky.

The man who makes history must
be trying to encourage book agents.

Inject common sense into a love
affair and often it will die a natural
death.

If wishes were horses a lot of them
would be exchanged for pork and
beans.

Our idea of a modest man is one
who keeps his opinions of himself
under cover.

ART OF BEING KIND.

Kindness is a quality which every
girl ought to cultivate. No matter
how pretty and fascinating a woman
may be, she is of little account unless
she has a good nature as well.

Even then the wound may remain
unhealed. The great duty of life is to
be charitable and kind to both word
and action. Remember that "kind
words are the music of the world."

They have a power which seems to
be beyond natural causes. Life is
short. We should make haste to glad-
den the world all we can by human
sympathy and love.

So many lives have been marred by
unkindness, so many hearts wounded
by sharp words or bitter retorts. Much
as we may regret a hard word we
have spoken, it is out of our power
to recall it, and all we can do is to
try and efface the memory of it by a
softer phrase.

The greatest Suit and Overcoat
in the world for \$10, \$12, and \$15.
Murdoch & McCarty. 126-95

RIVER COAL TRADE FOR YEAR UP TO AVERAGE

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considerable sand and gravel trade
during ten months of the year, start-
ing in March. The average month-
ly shipments of sand was something
over 20,000 bushels and that of gravel
was 112,500. Practically all the sand
and gravel was consigned to Geneva
where a new river railroad bridge
is in course of construction. The
total amount of gravel locked
through Lock No. 4 during the ten
months period was 1,350,000 bushels.

Lock No. 4, employing about 18
men all year might be taken as one
of the leading smaller industries of
the community. At the head of the
crew of men employed there are: A.
F. McGowan, lockmaster; G. W. Pax-
ton, first assistant and P. E. Krah-
mer, second assistant.

Together with the annual report
the report for December has been
made. Bushels of coal shipped
through the lock amounted to 15-
632,000. Lockages down stream were
658, boats, barges and flats number-
ed 1,401 and steamers 357. Up
stream there were 659 lockages, 354
steamers and 1,449 boats, barges and
flats passing up. The sand trade up
stream was 30,000 bushels and the
gravel 120,000 bushels.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE UP DUTIES

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Solicitor Isaac W. Baum was re-
elected and will receive an increase
in salary. He will receive \$1,500 a
year, instead of \$1,200, the amount
paid him last year. Dr. U. B. Mur-
ray was chosen jail physician, and
the salary fixed the same as last
year, \$250 a year.

On the vote for chief clerk Com-
missioner Barnum voted for Harry
Scott, of North Charleroi. For Soli-
citor Mr. Barnum voted for A. G.
Braden, and a salary of \$1,200. For
jail physician Mr. Barnum voted for
Dr. Smith of Charleroi. In place
of C. D. Shultz Mr. Barnum voted
for J. E. Bristol. On the selection
of engineers and the fixing of a sal-
ary Mr. Barnum did not vote. The
bond of S. M. Downer, county treas-
urer, in the sum of \$250,000 was ap-
proved.

MEN AS HELPLESS AS CHILDREN

When Taken Suddenly Ill—Here is a
Common-sense Safeguard

Big, strong man is as a helpless
infant when he is suddenly ill.

The sturdiest chap in town usually
loses his self-control, and is utterly
unable to regard his condition with
the common sense that characterizes
his every-day actions.

For example: He comes home tired
eats a heavy dinner and sits down to
read and smoke away a quiet even-
ing.

Suddenly he notices a weight on
his stomach then sharp pains around
his heart, and a feeling of suffoca-
tion. Thoughts of "heart disease"
rush over him, and in his agony he
fears the worst.

His trouble was acute indigestion,
brought on by overloading his tired
stomach.

A couple of Rexall Dyspepsia Tab-
lets might have given him relief—
might have saved him hours of suf-
fering.

Carry a package of Rexall Dys-
pepsia Tablets in your vest pocket
or keep them in your room. Take
one after each heavy meal, and ward
off indigestion.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets relieve
stomach troubles by aiding nature
to supply those elements, the ab-
sence of which in the gastric juices,
causes indigestion and dyspepsia.
They tend to aid the stomach to di-
gest all kinds of food and to quickly
convert it into rich red blood.

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Because of You.

Because of you, dear heart,
I deemed all human creatures true;
And to my happiness there seemed no
end

Because of you.
The robins sang so light and free,
As from the garden to their nest they
flew.

I sank with them a year today.
Because of you
A year ago today—alas, dear heart,
You loved me well, and that I knew,
And yet today my heart is lone and drear,
Because of you

TAKE TOO BIG CHANCES

Why is it that men and women
will never learn that overwork and
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health. Every day the papers tell
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one's strength, yet the others keep
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TO PROTECT WATER BUCKETS

Stable Boys Bore Holes in Their Bottoms and Carry Corks in Their Pockets.

"Anybody who has occasion to use a water bucket," said a man acquainted with their various uses, "is likely to pick up the first one he comes to, then he may put it back where he found it or he may not."

"It was to prevent their being carried off in this way and left around where they didn't belong that fire buckets came to be made with round bottoms, so that they wouldn't stand on their own bottom. Such buckets, as you know, are kept filled with water and standing around in buildings, supported in holders having rounded-out spaces in which the buckets rest. These buckets are likely to be left where they belong."

"A man who doesn't know their peculiarity may come along some day and pick up one of them and carry it off, but he is likely to leave the fire buckets alone after one experience of seeing the bucket he has carried off roll over when he set it down and spill out all the water."

"Perhaps you don't know what stable boys do to keep their buckets where they can find them. The stable boy protects his particular bucket by boring a hole in its bottom, so that it won't hold water; nobody wants a bucket that won't hold water. Then he carries in his pocket a cork that will fit the hole in the bucket, and when he has use for it he simply plugs the hole, and there's the bucket ready for use."

"To be sure other boys around a stable may carry corks in their pockets, but the run of people don't; and so the boy who has bored the bottom of his bucket is at least a little more likely to find it when he wants it than he would be if it had no hole in it."

TOO REMARKABLE TO FALL

Ruined Old Barn Set Mose an Example and He Proceeded to Get Well.

In their first walk of the season at Woburn-in-the-Hills the judge and his wife stopped at the Bartons' to inquire for Mose, who was reported to have been "more'n common allin', long back." They found Mrs. Barton in the garden, weeding.

"Yes, he was awful bad 'all last winter," she said, gradually rising, and straightening up. "First he had gripe, an' that left his heart weak, an' long toward March his liver kind o' got out o' whack. Then Mose sent for doctor, an' he called it 'complication o' diseases'."

"You're a sick man," says doctor. "I know that," says Mose, "thout you're tellin' me! You know his way? But this complication, 's you call it, is what stumps me. I guess I'd better get well—an' he did!"

"Suthin' in that, eh, squire?" said Mose, suddenly appearing from behind the house.

"Much!" asserted the judge.

"Didn't find my argument in a book, same as you would, squire," Mose continued. "Got it up on the hills, from the old Collins' barn—'member it?"

"I should say I did!" said the judge, smiling reminiscently; "roofless, practically and open on all sides!"

"But kep' a-standin' for nigh thutty year 'cause it was so rambackle it didn't know which way to fall. My case exactly!" declared Mose Marton, with a twinkle.—Youth's Companion.

Dismal Swamp Water.

Many interesting observations were made during a recent excursion into the Dismal Swamp of Virginia, sent out by the Washington Academy of Sciences. The swamp is divided into two parts, as far as the character of the vegetation is concerned—the "black gum" and the "juniper" areas. The juniper area is of particular interest. Juniper is the local name for the Southern white cedar. Swamp blueberry, white cedar, inkberry, fetter bush and other species of the heather family are intermingled with the juniper trees. The water of the juniper swamp contains a remarkably small quantity of mineral matter and has the color of tea. It is antiseptic, and before the days of distilled sea water it furnished the favorite supply of drinking water for ships starting on long voyages from Norfolk. The sailors called it "juniper water," and were very fond of it.—Youth's Companion.

Selling Perfume in Mexico.

All classes in Mexico buy perfumes, even the Yaquis. There is a large mail-order business done from this section of Mexico. Sample packages of very small come in free, but mapy salable-sized packages, even if marked "sample," would be dutiable. If perfume is sent by mail the duty is collected by the postoffice before delivery of the goods; if sent by express the company advances the duty at the frontier and collects on delivering the goods. If a package is sent by mail, for actual sale, the sender should mark the value thereon; if by express, send the bill along.—United States Consular Reports.

A Perilous Duty.

"My position," remarked the eminent physician, "is one requiring the greatest tact and diplomacy." "What is the trouble?" "I feel conscientiously obliged to tell several of my most wealthy and influential patients that they overeat."

GRIM TRAGEDIES OF OCEAN

Many Vessels Abandoned at Sea That Are Constant Menace to Navigation.

There is a grimness about the brief news dispatch which states that the derelict destroyer Seneca, of the United States revenue cutter service, weighed anchor and steamed out of New York harbor to search for derelicts of the seven-day storm which ended recently. Vessels that have been abandoned at sea, unless deliberately destroyed, continue to be a menace to shipping for a long period following their abandonment. For many years it was customary for sea captains, on coming into port, to report such derelicts as they had observed during a voyage, and the government published reports in which the position of the reported derelicts was shown, in order that sailing masters might be on their guard against collision with them. There was at one time some talk of international co-operation in the task of clearing the sea of these floating ships, but nothing came of it, and the United States government finally took the matter up on its own account, being for a long time the only government which did so, and presumably it occupies that position to this day. The vessels designated as derelict destroyers are specially fitted out with dynamite and other means of destroying and sinking the floating menaces to navigation, and the significance of the departure of the Seneca lies in the fact that the storm of last week is supposed to have caused many wrecks off Hatteras and along the coast of the Carolinas.

HARD TO PAY THE TAXES

French Deputy Runs Afoul of Red Tape When He Tries to Get on Tax Roll.

Jean Javal, who was elected deputy of the Sens division of the Yonne department in France in 1910, bought a house in Sens just after the election. Discovering a few days ago that he had never paid any taxes on the property he looked up the list and found that his name had never been placed there.

As no self-respecting socialist-radical republican deputy would care to avoid such an obligation, and not forgetting the weapon non-payment of taxes would give to his opponents in a future election, M. Javal wrote to the authorities asking to be inscribed on the list.

The letter was returned with the notification that his request could not be considered unless it was sent in on stamped paper, with a 60 centime (10-cent) stamp.

Violin Was a "Find."

Gaylord Yost, violinist, has a valuable violin which he acquired under interesting circumstances. His story of the "find" as told by himself follows:

"One day in Berlin, as I came out of one of the music stores I was stopped by a couple of gypsies. They had at least a half dozen violins caught up loosely by the necks. Some were stringless, cracked and dirty. They asked me if I wanted to buy a violin cheap and I replied that I was always looking for good violins. Meanwhile I had scanned the violins and I observed one with very artistic lines and workmanship, good varnish, but in bad repair. I asked him how much they wanted for that one and they replied 120 marks. Of course I could not try the violin in the street so I gave them my card and told them to call in the afternoon. As soon as I placed the bow on the strings I realized what it was. I finally got the violin for 79 marks. I guess it was cheap. Would I sell it? Well, hardly."

Real Enemy of Aeroplane.

One still often reads comments on the effects of musketry on aeroplanes, usually written by those who have probably never seen the effect of bullets fired from a distance. It has been truly said that to hit a "rocketing" aeroplane with a rifle shot is an extremely difficult matter, but to conclude that the aviator is therefore immune when at 1,000 feet up is absurd, says Sir Baden-Powell. It is not the danger from one marksman that has to be taken into account, but volleys from a whole battalion. If 3,000 or 4,000 shots be fired at a machine while it traverses one hundred yards, there is a good chance of its sustaining some danger so long as it is well within range. It is, however, the Maxim gun that seems likely to be the most formidable enemy of the aeroplane. All such guns must in future be mounted in such a way as to enable them to be fired nearly vertically.

How to Use a Life Preserver.

"The worst trouble about a life preserver," said an old sailor, "is that few people know what to do with one when it's thrown to them. Many a man would drown in trying to get a life preserver over his head."

"The average person struggling about in the water would try to lift up the big life ring and put it over his head. That only causes the man to sink deeper and take more water into his lungs."

"The proper way to approach a life preserver in the water is to take hold of the side nearest you and press upon it with all your weight. That causes the other side to fly up in the air and down over your head, 'ringing' you as neatly as a man ringing a cane at a county fair. After that the drowning man can be rescued."—From the American Boy.

JOHN W. GATES AND THE CAB

Little Gambling Episode in Which "Watch-Me" Was Able to Say "You Lose" Three Times.

A Gates anecdote that never got so far as it deserved, if it was true, was about his riding down town from a New York hotel in a cab with a stock market friend.

"I'll match you," said John Watch-me, "to see whether you or I buy this horse and cab from the driver, if it's his."

It was cabbie's, so they matched, and John Watch-me had the satisfaction of saying, "You lose." The bargain struck, John Watch-me had another proposition to offer the new owner.

"Now I'll match you," he said, "to see whether you keep the outfit or whether you sell it back to cabbie at his own price." And once more John Watch-me said, "You lose."

Here it dawned upon Gates' companion that in the last match John Watch-me had stood no chance to lose, whichever way it went, and he made remarks.

"All right," said John Watch-me, "I'll match you to see whether you or I stand the difference between the buying and the selling price." For what he had just sold cabbie would only give a buying price that was just \$100 less. This was the stake in the last match, and for the third time John Watch-me was able to say, "You lose."

TWO MULES WITH HISTORY

The Only Hybrids in the Geographical Service Are Sent to Kauai.

Two mules with a history were shipped down to W. B. Hardy on the island of Kauai recently. He is carrying on the work of the geographical and water research branch of the department there, and it was found that animal transportation was the only way to meet the difficulties.

There were only two mules in that branch of the service and they were over in California. Likewise Hardy was the man who worked them over there when he was on the mainland. Now he and his friends will be reunited on Kauai.

The work of the department on that island is arduous owing to the fact that where the water runs are not always roads. Accordingly, some means have to be found by which the investigator could get about. He has a saddle and pack and can ride the mules as far as he can get them over the tracks, and then do the rest of the work on foot. The work necessitates constant traveling of a rough sort.—Honolulu Bulletin.

Not a Cheap Building.

It has been estimated that to rebuild the pyramid of Cheops under modern conditions an expenditure of \$100,000,000 would be necessary and the labor of 40,000 men for two years required.

It has been calculated that the work really required the services of 100,000 men for thirty years.

The pyramid occupies a space of twelve and three-quarters acres, is 745 feet high and contains about 143,315,000 cubic yards of stone and granite.

The material alone represents an item of \$36,000,000, while the labor would increase this amount to \$72,000,000. To this must be added \$3,000,000 for tools, transportation, and similar items.

The pyramid is built on a solid rock 150 feet deep, and to build a foundation of this character would add to the cost to the extent of making the total of \$100,000,000.—Scientific American.

When Sleeping.

It is well to sleep from infancy with the head uncovered, as the hair thus retains its beauty longer. On retiring the hair should be raised high above the ears, without pulling, plaited loosely in a single braid and tied with a silk or cotton ribbon. Avoid wearing starched nightcaps, as the starch is injurious to the hair. When old age approaches it may be well to wear nightcaps.

Brush the hair well, using a soft brush, on going to bed and in the morning. The best brushes are made with short bristles. If the hair is combed from the roots downward without being divided in several parts, much harm may be done to it. The hairs would certainly be broken off, become uneven and could never be made to look cared for. It is an excellent thing to smooth the hair with the hands.

Cats Drive Off Snakes.

For many years I have been running a cattle station in Queensland, where snakes are tolerably numerous. At the head station we have always kept up a standing army of from 15 to 20 cats and have been practically free from the presence of snakes about the building and yards.

That this was owing to the presence of our cats I have no doubt whatever. They were always on the lookout, and I have often seen members of our feline body guard growling over dead or dying snakes and have more than once witnessed savage encounters between them and their victims. On the other hand, martyrs to their duty were from time to time found dead in the morning with all the evidence of a fight and their defeat in the shape of a snakebite on their bodies.—Spectator.

The KITCHEN CABINET

THE loftier my thoughts become, the less is there to divide me from the humblest of my fellow creatures. —Masterlinck.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When roasting wild ducks instead of stuffing them, put an onion in some and a bunch of celery in others. Of course neither the onion or celery is to be served.

Flour should always be sifted before measuring. When baking powder is used sift it with the flour several times, using two pieces of manilla paper, the wrapping paper that the grocers use.

Don't overwork, there is nothing gained and many times much lost by it.

If over heavy in weight eat less sweets and turn away from candy.

Don't forget to drink plenty of water daily.

Keep the feet warm, low shoes have no place after the frost arrives.

"Work well begun is half done." This means well planned. Let each day's work be carefully thought out, have an aim and make it high enough for something to work toward.

Take time to play a little at least once a week, if not every day.

Follow up a match head that has snapped off in striking, and avert a fire.

In looking for a leak in a gas pipe don't strike matches along the pipe, but rub the suspected place with soap-suds and the gas if there will escape and form a small bubble, showing the break.

Water should never be thrown on a kerosene lamp when it has exploded as it only spreads the flame. Smother the fire with rugs or quilts.

The ashes from the burned leaves make a fine sweetener of the garden soil.

To pour oil on a smoldering fire is always a reckless thing to do. One may escape ninety-nine times, but the hundredth will be your Waterloo.

Have a hot soup these cold nights for a supper dish, they are relished by the best of men.

Remember there are none in the humblest walks of life that are not able to teach us something.

Experience is often dearly bought and she is wise who will avail herself of that which has been proved by others.

Don't put off the Christmas preparations another day, begin now, and avoid a case of nervous prostration after the holidays are over.

Nellie Maxwell.

Pure Born From Death.

Soul, get thee to the heart. Of yonder prisoner, hide thee there—There breathe the meditations of thine art. Suffused with prayer.

Of spirit grave yet light. How fervent fragrances uprise Pure-born from these most rich and yet most white Virgin ties.

Mulched with unsavory death, Grow, Soul, unto such white estate, That virgin-prayerful art shall be thy breath. Thy work, thy fate. —Sidney Lanier.

Royal Linguist.

A princess of Hawaii has just returned to this country from France, where she studied for six years. Her mother, who was but two steps removed from the Hawaiian throne, married a wealthy Chinaman. Their daughter is a great beauty and speaks eight languages. She will enter a convent in Honolulu.

New Meat Boiler.

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Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, Is Oldest Redman.

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogallala Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity he counseled peace with the palefaces.

He could well afford to do so, for his people knew he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts, "but I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstainer. He smokes cigarettes, but insists he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be hale and hearty long after he has passed the century mark.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinsmen, and puffs his pipe with a complacency untroubled by thoughts of any immediate journey to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior dons paint and feathers for his appearance with the younger members of his tribe in the headlong dashes across the amphitheater at the stock yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to single him from the reckless redskins who have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

Heart Is Best Guide.

The man who offers sympathy to a neighbor and who comforts him in time of trouble can afford to run the risk of being accused of not minding his own business. An act of genuine kindness is readily distinguished from intermeddling. The heart is sometimes a better guide for action than the head.

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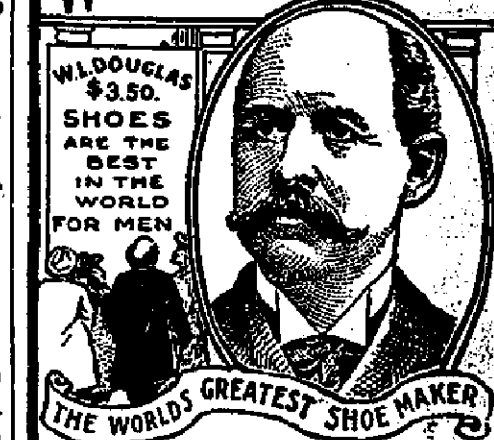
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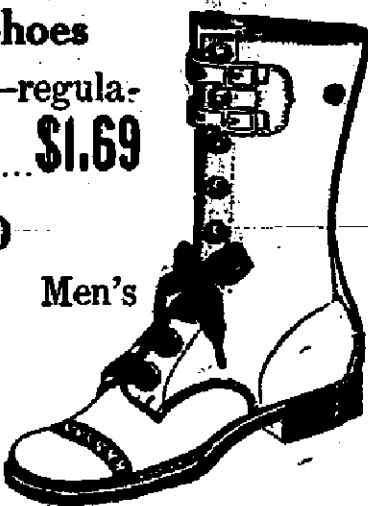
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Arthur Witherspoon Named to Follow Election Contest Proceedings

Upon agreement by the counsel concerned and the report of such agreement to Judge Taylor, who is sitting in the Martin-Lewis prothonotary contest, the court at Washington Tuesday evening appointed Attorney Arthur R. Witherspoon commissioner in the contest for the office of prothonotary being made by Joe Martin of California. The decree of the court is lengthy and, outlines fully the duties of the commissioner and provides for clerks and assistants and for a stenographer.

Mr. Martin was the Keystone-Democratic candidate for the office of prothonotary and Dr. A. V. Lewis, of Donora, was the Republican candidate. Lewis was declared elected by a plurality vote of 12.

The counsel for the petitioner, Attorneys B. B. Barr, Albert S. Sprowls and A. G. Braden, and for Dr. Lewis, Attorneys Underwood & Meloy and James I. Brownson, held a meeting Monday afternoon and it was agreed that Attorney Witherspoon be selected as commissioner, and his appointment recommended to the court. The selection of Mr. Witherspoon was perfectly satisfactory to both sides, and to both petitioner and respondent.

LEAP YEAR DANCE IMPORTANT EVENT

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and pink and white decorations, with the initial "E" prettily occupying a place in the center, Wheeler's orchestra of five pieces, located in the west corner of the hall, discoursed music for the dancers. To the left was the artificial moon, partly hidden by pine branches. Chandeliers were twined with white and pink ribbon and crepe paper and windows were bordered with the same. On each of the windows was a pink initial "E". Over the mantel the pink and white decorations were profuse. A number of rugs placed near the stands and tables on the floor added to the general effect.

Thirty couples were present, a number coming from out-of-town to attend the affair. Among the places represented were Pittsburgh, Monongahela, Braddock, Ford City, Charleston, W. Va., California, Brownsville, and other nearby towns. There were a number of feature dances but the most enjoyed possibly was the tag two-step. Others particularly enjoyed were the skibo, the Cuban and the rye dances.

The five hostesses, Misses Frances, Anna, Tena, Marie, and Johanna Estenfelder personally supervised the arrangements for the affair and by their charming hospitality made it the brilliant function that it was.

LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Johnston have returned from Franklin where they visited relatives and friends.

Miss Bernice Clutter, after spending the holidays at home has returned to school at Baltimore, Md.

You can get a Monarch \$1.00 Dress Shirt for 90c at Murdock & McCarty's. 115-tf

Robert Worthington has assumed the position as clerk for the Armour Packing Company here.

Miss Anna Craven has returned to her home in Beallsville after a brief visit with Misses Lulu and Roberta Trew, of Lincoln avenue.

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Among The Passers

Charleroi goes to Connellsville tonight to battle with the Cokers, will play Uniontown Thursday night and be at home Saturday night for a struggle with Johnstown. The team doesn't play Friday.

Johnstown by defeating Uniontown has regained first place.

The Charleroi protest on the Southside game of last Saturday will be acted upon at the next League meeting. If it goes wrong for Johnny Freund, he is likely to get hefty and threaten to leave the league, but such threats from such a source do not bother anyone very much.

Lots of people are picking Allie Brown as the best center in the league. He seems to have something on Bill Powell and Keenan.

Father Andy Sears has a sore elbow; that's what's the matter with him.

Dolin's playing in his initial appearance on forward the other night won for him considerable commendation. Speaking of your substitute players where are you going to find any better than this brilliant Washington and Jefferson lad?

"Pretzels" Pfeiffer, hasn't failed to get in a game yet and the way he made his presence felt established his reputation among the most brilliant basket guardians in the circuit.

Big Bill Herron, who scares the scales every time he looks at them

never has an off night. Sir William's favorite performance is rising with about forty hanging to his shoulders and clinging to his hair, to shake them off like a spaniel shaking water and heave the ball to some team mate the full length of the floor. If he can't throw the ball at least three fourths of the way across the floor he feels disappointed.

Jimsey Brown wasn't feeling well Monday night and didn't want to in the game but he will be all right to show Connellsville a few stunts tonight.

It will be a battle between the league's leading scorers tonight, Jacky Adams and Billy Kummer.

Somebody said the Connellsville crowd had been boozing, one member excepted. If that rumor is true it's tough on Connellsville, that's all.

CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Last Night's Result. Johnstown 42—Uniontown 24

Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Pct
Johnstown	22	6	.786
Uniontown	21	6	.778
Charleroi	14	14	.500
Connellsville	12	15	.444
Southside	12	15	.444

Tonight's Schedule.

Charleroi at Connellsville

DONORA LODGE TO BE FORMED

New Order of Elks to Have Large Number of Charter Members

Officers and a number of members of Charleroi Lodge, No. 494, B. P. O. Elks are in Donora this afternoon to help in the institution of a new lodge of Elks at that place. The work of institution will be conducted by F. J. Schrader, of Pittsburgh, district deputy grand exalted ruler. The new lodge will be No. 1265.

About 125 men, composing the charter members will be initiated this afternoon, the officers of the Charleroi lodge composing the degree team which will have charge of this part of the work. After the institution of the lodge a social session will be held in the First National bank hall.

BOWLING

On the Crescents' alleys the Stars won all three games from the Crescents at duck pins Tuesday evening. Capt. Sahrner had high score as well as high average. The game was highly interesting and much interest manifested as the Stars by winning went into second place, in the race. On Friday evening the Comets bowl the Venusses, and Adolph promises to make it interesting for the leaders. Following is the score and standing to date:

Crescents			
Theodore	101	94	88
Myford	89	86	83
Moore	96	99	103
Phillips	114	106	104
Totals	390	385	378
Stars			
Sahrner	106	114	120
Hepler	101	104	106
Berton	111	106	101
Eick	89	105	101
Zacher	112	101	106
Cupp	101	106	106
Totals	418	429	438
Standing of Clubs			
	W	L	P
Comets	14	4	.778
Stars	13	8	.619
Crescents	11	10	.524
Venusses	1	17	.056

In the City Duckpin league at the Casino alleys the Independents took two out of three from the Owls Tuesday night. B. Newton was high making 147. Score:

Casinos.			
Briggs	97	132	105
C. Davis	94	115	97
B. Newton	147	117	106
August	116	107	125
Chase	136	92	97
Totals	590	563	530
Owls			
Oates	85	103	128
W. Newton	125	108	105
Vernon	92	89	101
Kuhn	101	105	105
Middelton	86	94	99
Osborn	110	110	97
Totals	598	504	534
Standing			
	W	L	Pct
Stars	19	14	.576
Owls	18	18	.500
Casino	16	17	.484
Independents	16	20	.444

RESULTS IN LOCAL BILLIARD MATCH

In the Billiard Tournament at the Crescent Billiard Room Arrigo of the Hoppes defeated Sharkey of the Scheaffers 100 to 30 in 25 innings. Arrigo played a phenomenal game, having high runs of 15, 13 and 10. Jack of the Hoppes and Hepler of the Scheaffers play tonight. These games are highly interesting with good attendance at each game. The Hoppes now lead the Scheaffers by three games.

The time of the last game was 45 minutes, with Monack as referee.

Justices Meet at County Seat. Justice of the Peace E. E. Rice attended the annual meeting of the Washington County Association of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace at Washington Tuesday. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. D. Hornbake California; vice presidents, J. D. McBride, Washington, F. B. Ham-bry, Donora; secretary, J. M. McDowell, Buffalo township; treasurer, M. R. Allen, East Washington.

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SCHOOL STARTS AFTER VACATION

Back from their holiday vacations spent enjoyably at various places and in various ways, teachers and pupils of the Charleroi schools Tuesday morning took up their duties of the second term of the year. Prof and Mrs. James G. Pentz together with eight teachers have just returned from the meeting of the State school convention at Philadelphia. During the first week of the holiday vacation the county institute was held at Washington and the majority of teachers attended it.

INDEPENDENT CHANGES HOME

After nine years of existence during which time it has occupied three homes, the Monessen Independent has moved into its fourth place of abode, a commodious brick structure built by Harry Pore, the controlling spirit of the bright newsy sheet published in the town across the river. Editor Pore on Saturday moved his equipment from the building on Sixth street which has done duty for some years to his building across the street from the former location. Henceforth the paper will be published from that place. The removal marks an important period in the destinies of the Independent.

Diver at Work.

Edward Hipple, a lock tender at Lock No. 2, and a diver has started the work of repairing a wicket chain at Lock No. 4. The work requires diving.

Classified Ads.

WANTED—Men to commence the New Year right by going to work for us and sell our line of Tea, Coffee, Baking Powder, Spices, Extracts, Soap products and Sundries to the consumer on commission basis. No capital to start. Small bond required. Address, Grand Union Tea Co., 820 Federal St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 130-13

WANTED—Three or four unfurnished rooms with bath preferred. Address "D." Mail office. 131-tsp

FOR SALE—Fine driving horse, 8 years old; phaeton, sleigh and harness. Reason for selling, have automobile. Apply "K" Mail office. 124-tf

FOR SALE—Four roomed house, and four acres land on Monongahela road near Lock No. 4. Inquire E. S. Primas, Lock No. 4, Pa. 131-t2p

FOR SALE—Two lots on Shady avenue, 186 and 187. Inquire of Isaac Smock, Monongahela. 131-t3p

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Use of bath. Heat furnished, \$10 a month. Inquire "M" Mail office. 131-t2p

FOR RENT—Flats, Corner McKean avenue and Second street. 130-t6p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Apply 835 Fallowfield avenue. 44-tf

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RIVER COAL TRADE FOR YEAR UP TO AVERAGE

Annual Report is Made of Shipments Through Lock No. 4

SUMMER MONTHS SLACK

Falling Off Trade Begins in June and Continues Until October

Although falling below the high records of 1910 and 1909 the river coal trade along the Monongahela valley for the past year, as indexed by the annual lock report was well up to the average. During the year through Lock No. 4, there were 170,053,000 bushels of coal locked down stream. During 1910 coal passing through Lock No. 4 totaled 186,435,000 bushels, 16,382,000 bushels or about a month's shipments better than this year. The 1909 shipments of coal were even better yet, totaling 192,778,000.

Comparing the first six months of 1911 with the first six months of 1910, there is only a little over one million bushels of a lead shown by the latter. The loss this year was during June, July, August and September. June took the record this year for the least amount of coal shipped through Lock No. 4, only 8,176,000 bushels being locked.

Although a good stage prevailed in the Monongahela river the year around, the Ohio was low during the summer months, keeping barges tied up. Lasting for about five months this condition was largely responsible for the slack trade during the summer. Weather conditions were fair along the Monongahela valley all year, with an average per month of 3.64 inches rainfall. The least was during March, when there was 1.82 inches of a fall, and the most was in August when there was an exceptional rainfall of 7.05 inches.

The coal report for the year 1911 follows:

January	17,067,000
February	18,198,000
March	19,552,000
April	15,962,000
May	15,533,000
June	8,176,000
July	9,327,000
August	10,565,000
September	11,562,000
October	13,120,000
November	15,359,000
December	15,632,000

Total 170,053,000

In addition to the coal there was

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BAD FIRE REPORTED

By a fire which started in the store of Paul Karlosky on the hill at North Charleroi today about 2 o'clock, it is said the Karlosky house was burned down. Other houses nearby caught fire and at the last report were burning rapidly. It is feared a whole section in a good part of the residential district on the North Charleroi hill may be destroyed. A call for aid was sent to the Charleroi fire department which responded.

Directors Entertain

Teachers and Members of New School Board Spend Merry Evening

Teachers of the Charleroi schools and members of the new school board entertained Tuesday evening in the lecture room of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church. The affair was arranged so that teachers and directors would become acquainted. Addresses were made by W. D. Pollock, president of the board, Dr. F. C. Stahlman and Prof. James G. Pentz. Prof. I. T. Daniel sang a solo, and Mrs. Dollie Jeffries gave a reading. A sextet composed of Misses McGee, Hawthorne, Hopkins, Dora and Nora Swan, and Florence Crill.

MINES IN DISTRICT DO WELL

Report Shows Slight Falling Off From 1910 Mark

RIVER COAL INCREASES

Figures computed by Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham, of the Twenty-first bituminous district show that the coal production in the district during the year 1911 was slightly less than that of 1910, although more than the production in 1909. In 1911 there were approximately 6,846,986 tons of coal mined in the district as compared with 6,945,710 tons in 1910, and 6,698,469 tons in 1909. Thus it is seen that there was a decrease of about 98,000 tons from the tonnage of 1910 and an increase of 158,000 over that of 1909. The Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company mined about 250,000 tons more than in 1910 while the Vesta mines dropped 600,000 tons below their previous year's mark, owing to Vesta No. 1 and No. 3 mines being practically worked out. A number of smaller mines surpassed their tonnage of 1910, while some fell below.

New Charleroi Applicant. A total of 60 applications for liquor licenses have been filed in Washington county, eight less than last year. All the present hotel men of Charleroi are applicants, the only new one in town being Leonard Schmalbach, who seeks a wholesale license.

Great Show at the Palace. Friday night, January 5—"Cinderella"—three reels. 99 scenes. 300 people. 132-t

You can get a Cluet \$1.50 dress shirt for \$1.35 at Murdock & McCarty's. 115-t

NORTH CHARLEROI COUNCIL ORGANIZES

Councilman Zollers Resigns and Samuel Gaskill is Elected in His Place--David Schaffer President

North Charleroi council held its reorganization meeting Tuesday evening at the North Charleroi council chambers, and elected officers to serve for the ensuing year. David Schaffer was elected president, fill the vacancy. Old members present were David Schaffer, John I. McCloskey, secretary; and D. M. Cope, T. P. Sloan and Herman Nebu. The finance committee was authorized to receive propositions on the handling of borough funds next year. Isaac Zellars, one of the newly elected members of council presented his resignation which was accepted and Samuel Gaskill was elected to fill the vacancy. Old members present were David Schaffer, John I. McCloskey, secretary; and D. M. Cope, T. P. Sloan and Herman Nebu. The finance committee was authorized to receive propositions on the handling of borough funds next year.

EIGHTEEN MURDERS COMMITTED IN YEAR

Coroner James Heffran Submits His Annual Report--Nearly Three Hundred Cases of Violent Deaths

Coroner James T. Heffran has just completed his annual report which shows that during the past year he investigated 292 violent deaths in the county, an increase of 29 over the preceding year. Of the violent and sudden deaths last year Canonsburg contributed the largest share, owing to the theatre catastrophe in August when 26 people lost their lives in a panic, and a mine accident earlier in the year. During the year juries were empanelled and inquests held on 65 cases, the other cases being closed on the coroner's view. Five male adults were buried during the year without identification.

Eighteen persons were murdered in the county during the year and in many of these cases whiskey was responsible. Suicides are on the decline as there were eight less in 1911 than in the year previous, the total number this year being 16.

Fifty-one persons were killed on the railroads of the county and 38 of these were due to the victims being trespassers, 10 of whom were intoxicated. The mines of the county claimed 81 victims, two less than in the year 1910. The factories of the county claimed but two victims during the year. Street railways claimed but one. Twenty-four persons met death by drowning and three of these were due to intoxication. Three persons were killed by automobiles.

Coroner Heffran in submitting his report advises the establishing of swimming pools over the county, or certain waters designated as such and have a competent person in charge, thus avoiding many deaths from this cause. He cites Donora as the pathfinder along this line. He also recommends that every miner must pass an examination before he is permitted to work in a mine alone.

LEAP YEAR DANCE IMPORTANT EVENT

Misses Estenfelder Are Hostesses at Brilliant Function

Pink and white mingled with the delicate shades of feathery ferns and the darker green of fir pine branches, all arranged in tasteful proportion in carrying out the idea of a house-party made the Bank of Charleroi Hall a charming place Tuesday evening and together with the beautiful costumes of the women presented a dazzling sight. The occasion was the leap year ball given by the Misses Estenfelder, of Charleroi. The event was the first of the leap year and assumed the place of one of the leading society functions of the winter season.

Center tables and pedestals were arranged throughout the hall, each bearing its share of decorations. A settee at one end of the hall and seats scattered along the sides of the brilliantly decorated room lent a charming home appearance. Screened behind a bank of ferns.

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NEW PATROLMAN IS INITIATED

When a man giving his name as E. Gussy was arrested Tuesday night the newly-elected policeman, James Murphy got his first "baptism of fire." It is stated Gussy had put considerable red eye to rout during the evening with the result that he was feeling rather joyous. He was ejected, it is stated from the bar room of the Hotel Charleroi and then taken in charge by Patrolmen Gust Bricker and Murphy. Gussy objected to this system and objected strenuously. He was finally put in a cell. At a later hearing he was fined \$11.85, including costs by Burgess Risbeck, but not having the ready money is still in the lockup thinking it over.

CANDY MEN SUE PURE FOOD MEN

Allege Sensationalism is One of Motives in Prosecution of State Agents

John Jenkins, together with his chief, Pure Food Commissioner James Foust, and the rest of the latter's agents, were made defendants in a suit in equity filed in the United States District court in Pittsburgh on Tuesday by candy manufacturers. The manufacturers allege that Commissioner Foust and his agents have inaugurated a crusade against certain candy manufacturers for the purpose of creating a sensation instead of in the interests of the public health. The action of the commissioner is said to create public distrust and prove injurious to the business interests of the Pennsylvania manufacturers.

Preparatory Services.

Beginning tonight services will be held three nights at the First Presbyterian church preparatory for the communion service on Sunday. Rev. W. F. McKee of Monongahela will preach Thursday evening.

POOR BOARD NAMES MATRON

After two days voting and wrangling the Washington County Poor Board Tuesday evening elected Mrs. Hettie Porch of Pittsburgh matron of the Washington County Children's Home. Mrs. Porch at present is matron of the Protestant Orphans Asylum in Perrysville avenue, Northside. She was elected Mrs. Mary Becker, who was not a candidate for re-election. The matron's salary has been increased to \$1,000, double that of the past. John W. Quivey was elected superintendent of the Washington County Home. Few changes were made in the management.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE UP THEIR DUTIES

Contract Let For Bridge

Philadelphia Concern Starts Work on Pennsylvania Railroad Structure

The Drake and Stratton company of Philadelphia holds the contract for the construction of the Monongahela river bridge at Brownsville to be built for the Pennsylvania railroad. The structure will be a two-track span, the main river span being a truss 401 feet center to center of the piers, with deck girder approaches of 100 feet span. The bridge will give a clearance of 55 feet from the under side of the truss to the pool level of the river. Work has been started.

REPORTS WORK OF CHARITY

Volunteers of America Provide for Poor at Christmas Time

NUMBER STILL IN NEED

H. E. Herschelroath, captain of the Charleroi Post of the Volunteers of America, submits his report of the special dinner and aid given the poor and needy on Christmas, for which a special effort was made for donations for this occasion.

The amount of cash received for this effort was \$41.19, of which \$16.10 was collected and \$25.09 was donated. Groceries and provisions were donated to the value of \$3.80. The value of clothing and shoes donated was \$20 and toys to the value of \$42.77 were also disbursed among the little ones.

Thirty-two baskets of food and other articles sufficient to make a meal for 117 persons were also distributed. Dinner was served in the hall of the Volunteer headquarters and in all a total of 132 persons were fed on Christmas day by the collections and donations. Capt. Herschelroath is grateful for the aid rendered by the people of Charleroi and makes a request for further donations of clothing as a number of families are still in need.

Entertains Friends. Miss Myrtle Dunmire entertained a number of friends on Sunday evening at a watch party. People were present from Charleroi, Monessen, Belle Vernon, Pittsburgh, and Brownsville. Interesting diversions were provided and lunch was served.

Mabel Taliaferro at the Palace. Friday night, January 5, as "Cinderella" in the great Selig production. 132-t

Bath robes and smoking jackets Murdock & McCarty 115-t

Wholesale Changes Effected When New Men Begin Work

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Hill Elected President--Barnum Votes for Monongahela Valley Men

Sweeping changes in the personnel of Washington county officials marked the beginning of the new year at Washington Monday. The following officers were sworn in: Commissioners, John A. Berry (re-elected), Thomas Hill (re-elected) and A. P. Barnum, treasurer. Samuel W. Downer, register, Boyd C. Parshall, sheriff, R. G. Lutton, prothonotary, A. V. Lewis, clerk of courts, William S. Lockhart, coroner, James T. Heffran (re-elected), district attorney, Richard G. Miller, county engineer, George S. Cheney (re-elected), poor directors, R. C. Buchanan (re-elected), Dr. R. W. Wolf and H. D. Browneller.

H. R. Campbell was re-elected as chief clerk to the commissioners, and his salary was increased from \$1,700 a year to \$1,800 a year. Carl D. Schultz was chosen assistant chief clerk, and his salary increased from \$1,400 a year to \$1,500. John Aiken was re-elected clerk and his salary increased from \$840 a year to \$900 a year. Eva Dodds was elected a clerk, and her salary was increased from \$720 a year to \$750. Miss Genevieve Downer, has been employed in the office as a stenographer to the commissioners and her salary fixed at \$55 a month, or \$665 a year.

The salary of C. S. Ritchie, deputy controller, was left the same as the past year, \$1,800. Mark M. Decker, voucher clerk for the controller, was given a large increase in salary. He has been getting \$900 a year and his salary was fixed at \$1,100.

C. B. Kellogg's salary as engineer of the county buildings, will remain the same, \$1,200 a year, as will the salary of J. H. McCormick, assistant engineer of the county buildings who receives \$900 a year. Ed. McCutcheon, superintendent, will receive the same \$85 a month, and Louis G. Mosebay, assistant superintendent, will receive an increase of \$5 on the month or \$70 a month.

Messrs. Chaney and Armstrong were re-elected engineers, at an increase in salary from \$2,400 a year to \$3,000. The reason for this increase, the commissioners stated, was that last year only one of the firm devoted his entire time to the work, and the other a part of the time. This year both members of the firm will be required to devote their entire time to the work of this office.

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LOCAL AGENCIES

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Jan. 3 in American History.

1730—Benjamin Franklin, brilliant revo-
lutionary leader, who deserted to
the British, born; died 1801.

1777—Washington defeated the Brit-
ish at Princeton, N. J.

1910—Charles W. Morse, convicted
New York banker, began a fifteen
year sentence in the United States
penitentiary at Atlanta.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.)
Sun sets 4:45, rises 7:25; moon sets
7:33 a. m.; 7:30 a. m., eastern time,
full moon; 7:42 a. m., moon at perigee,
nearest earth; this makes the moon
extraordinarily large in appearance;
6:30 a. m., eastern time, all Jupiter's
large satellites seen on west of planet;
quadrantid meteors finish.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE GAINS

The novel spectacle of a coterie
of prominent Pittsburg women talk-
ing for woman's suffrage in one of
the prominent theatres of the city is
being witnessed this week. This
move, no doubt meets with the good
natured toleration of many people
of that city who are under the fond
delusion that woman suffrage is a
fad, and that the movement in this
State has no special significance.
Those who thus regard woman suf-
frage will sooner or later realize
their mistake. The movement has
made great strides in the United
States during the past year.

It was in California in particular
that the suffrage cause received a
new baptism of militant fire. That
great State in its election of Octo-
ber 12, voted for the woman suffrage
amendment by a majority of 4,000
after a campaign in which every
conceivable appeal was made by
the women and their male backers
to attract attention. Suffrage amend-
ments were voted for submission by
the law makers of Wisconsin and Ne-
vada. Such amendments were defeat-
ed in Massachusetts, New York, Iowa
and Minnesota, but by closer mar-
gins than ever before.

One of these days there will be an
awakening in Pennsylvania in favor
of woman suffrage that will anchor
the Keystone State among those
Commonwealths who do not believe
in taxation without representation.
That day is not far distant.

A VITAL ISSUE.

According to the reports of the
coal shipments through Lock No. 4
for the year, mining interests would
have been more brisk the fore part
of the season had there been suffi-
cient boating stage in the Ohio river.
Because of this much business was
lost from the Pittsburg district in
coal shipments at a time when coal

was in demand. Later in the year
the demand for coal fell off, and the
mining interests of the Monongahela
valley were thus doubly affected.
Perhaps the effect at the end of the
year would have been the same, but
the chances are that the volume of
river traffic would have been great-
er for the year had there been suffi-
cient water to get the coal to market
when there was a demand for it.

This again emphasizes the neces-
sity of the canalizing of the Ohio
river, a project to which the Govern-
ment is now committed within a
specified time, thanks to the efforts
and aid of J. K. Tener, when the
latter was in Congress and a member
of the Rivers and Harbors committee.
Largely through the efforts of Mr.
Tener the Government was com-
mitted to the canalizing project in
twelve years. Subsequent events,
however, have shown that the time
may be vastly shortened, if the pro-
ject is given the proper attention in
Congress. A boating stage at all
times in the Ohio will keep the mines
of the Monongahela valley running
whenever there is a demand for the
product, and will put a stop to in-
voluntary checks to industry that
are now imposed.

A Congress favorable to internal
water ways improvements is of vital
interest to the Monongahela valley.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

To the girls: It's suffraget year.

One good resolution that wasn't
made was to quit advising.

An exchange says that the aver-
age resolution smells of mothballs.

General Keyas has resolved, so
they say, to stay out of jails he has
already tried.

January, February, March April,
then May 30—five months until an-
other vacation.

A little ventilation along with the
elevation would do the stage more
than a little good.

We are practicing up to be able to
say with the best dramatic effect,
"This is so sudden."

There's nothing can astonish a
girl more than to knit a tie for her
brother and find that he will wear it.

There is considerable difference in
what our home looks to us to our
neighbors and to the tax assessor, if
we see him first.

That proverb advising people to
"grin and bear it" is wearing out.
People of today can bear it better
without grinning.

An exchange states that some peo-
ple eat with their knives because the
kind of fork given them by their
hostess always leaks.

New York is to try girls as deputy
sheriffs. The only trouble is that the
criminals will be afraid they won't
be pursued by a posse.

A Michigan woman has 25 boys all
old enough to vote. If she has any
influence over them sheought to com-
mand some pull with the politicians.

Some Congressmen spend so much
time lecturing that it is a source of
wonder when they find occasion to
represent their district in the Na-
tional House.

HE WAS WISE



Conductor (crowded street car)—
Move forward, please!
Passenger—Not on your life. This
lady sitting here is my wife, and if
anyone sits in her lap it's going to be
me. I'm wise to this road's curves,
all right.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"Because moving picture shows
are cheap is no reason why they are
morally bad, as many people profess
to believe," said R. L. Barnhart of
the Palace Theatre a day or two ago
when the subject of the moral effect
of moving pictures was under dis-
cussion. "I recall the words of a
prominent minister out in Decatur,
Illinois, which I noticed in a news-
paper the other day on this very sub-
ject. He said:

"People who know little about
motion pictures are in the habit of
declaring that they produce only low
standards of morality. But such
persons, unfortunately, are falling
into a grievous error. We need to
free ourselves from the superstition
that virtue always wears a frock
coat and a silk hat, and that vice is
generally dressed in overalls and a
flannel shirt. A theatrical manager
with whom I recently talked said:
"The poor people want clean
shows; it is the rich people who like
smut."

"This minister further stated that
he once saw a gruesome picture in
which a wife's infidelity to her hus-
band was visited by summary ven-
geance. As he was going out he
overheard a working girl say to an-
other:

"Say, Mollie, if ever I get mar-
ried I'm going to be straight with
my man. It doesn't pay to be
crooked."

"This, the minister says, is a mot-
to he would like to inculcate in the
minds of all business men and poli-
ticians, as well as future wives and
husbands."

"Professor Frederick Starr of the
University of Chicago, is an enthu-
siastic supporter of the motion pic-
ture, especially from an educational
standpoint," continued Mr. Barnhart,
as he produced a newspaper clipping
which quotes the great educator thusly:

"I have seen Niagara thunder
over her gorge in the noblest frenzy
ever beheld by man—I have watch-
ed a Queensland river under the
white light of an Australian moon—I
have been to the Orient and gazed
at the water sellers, beggars and
dervishes—I know how the Chinaman
lives and I have been through the
homes of the Japanese—I have mar-
veled at the daring of the Alpine
tobogganists and admired the won-
derful skill of Norwegian ski jump-
ers—I have seen armies upon the
battle-field and their return in tri-
umph—I have looked upon weird
dances and outlandish frolics in
every quarter of the globe, and I
didn't have to leave Chicago for a
moment."

WISE OR OTHERWISE.

Wise is the man who knows just
when not to laugh.

Free speech has enabled many a
man to give himself away.

Some things that come to those
who wait are badly moth eaten.

The less some people are able to
annoy you the less they like it.

Some people's idea of a helping
hand is one that is lined with silver.

It sometimes happens that when a
man loses his reputation he is lucky.

The man who makes history must
be trying to encourage book agents.

Inject common sense into a love
affair and often it will die a natural
death.

If wishes were horses a lot of them
would be exchanged for pork and
beans.

Our idea of a modest man is one
who keeps his opinions of himself
under cover.

ART OF BEING KIND.

Kindness is a quality which every
girl ought to cultivate. No matter
how pretty and fascinating a woman
may be, she is of little account unless
she has a good nature as well.

Even then the wound may remain
unhealed. The great duty of life is to
be charitable and kind in both word
and action. Remember that "kind
words are the music of the world."

They have a power which seems to
be beyond natural causes. Life is
short. We should make haste to glad-
den the world all we can by human
sympathy and love.

So many lives have been marred by
unkindness, so many hearts wounded
by sharp words or bitter retorts. Much
as we may regret a hard word we
have spoken, it is out of our power
to recall it, and all we can do is to
try and efface the memory of it by a
softer phrase.

The greatest Suit and Overcoat
in the world for \$10, \$12, and \$15.
Murdoch & McCarty.

RIVER COAL TRADE

FOR YEAR UP TO AVERAGE

(Continued from first page.)

considerable sand and gravel trade
during ten months of the year, start-
ing in March. The average month-
ly shipments of sand was something
over 20,000 bushels and that of gravel
was 112,500. Practically all the sand
and gravel was consigned to Geneva
where a new river railroad bridge
is in course of construction. The
total amount of gravel locked
through Lock No. 4 during the ten
months period was 1,850,000 bushels.

Lock No. 4, employing about 18
men all year might be taken as one
of the leading smaller industries of
the community. At the head of the
crew of men employed there are: A.
F. McGowan, lockmaster; G. W. Pax-
ton, first assistant and P. E. Krah-
mer, second assistant.

Together with the annual report
the report for December has been
made. Bushels of coal shipped
through the lock amounted to 15,
632,000. Lockages down stream were
658, boats, barges and flats number-
ed 1,401 and steamers 357. Up
stream there were 659 lockages, 354
steamers and 1,449 boats, barges and
flats passing up. The sand trade up
stream was 30,000 bushels and the
gravel 120,000 bushels.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

TAKE UP DUTIES

(Continued from first page.)

Solicitor Isaac W. Baum was re-
elected and will receive an increase
in salary. He will receive \$1,500 a
year, instead of \$1,200, the amount
paid him last year. Dr. U. B. Mur-
ray was chosen jail physician, and
the salary fixed the same as last
year, \$250 a year.

On the vote for chief clerk Com-
missioner Barnum voted for Harry
Scott, of North Charleroi. For Soli-
citor Mr. Barnum voted for A. G.
Braden, and a salary of \$1,200. For
jail physician Mr. Barnum voted for
Dr. Smith of Charleroi. In place
of C. D. Shultz Mr. Barnum voted
for J. E. Bristol. On the selection
of engineers and the fixing of a sal-
ary Mr. Barnum did not vote. The
bond of S. M. Downer, county treas-
urer, in the sum of \$250,000 was ap-
proved.

MEN AS HELPLESS

AS CHILDREN

When Taken Suddenly Ill—Here is a
Common-sense Safeguard

Big, strong man is as a helpless
infant when he is suddenly ill.

The sturdiest chap in town usually
loses his self-control, and is utterly
unable to regard his condition with
the common sense that characterizes
his every-day actions.

For example: He comes home tired
eats a heavy dinner and sits down to
read and smoke away a quiet even-
ing.

Suddenly he notices a weight on
his stomach then sharp pains around
his heart, and a feeling of suffoca-
tion. Thoughts of "heart disease"
rush over him, and in his agony he
fears the worst.

His trouble was acute indigestion,
brought on by overloading his tired
stomach.

A couple of Rexall Dyspepsia Tab-
lets might have given him relief—
might have saved him hours of suf-
fering.

Carry a package of Rexall Dys-
pepsia Tablets in your vest pocket
or keep them in your room. Take
one after each heavy meal, and ward
off indigestion.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets relieve
stomach troubles by aiding nature
to supply those elements, the ab-
sence of which in the gastric juices,
causes indigestion and dyspepsia.
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gest all kinds of food and to quickly
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gestion and dyspepsia. If they fail,
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munity only at our store—The Rex-
all Store, Carroll's Drug Store, 623
Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi.

Because of you.
Because of you, dear heart,
I deemed all human creatures true:
And to my happiness there seemed no
end.
Because of you.
The robins sang so light and free,
As from the garden to their nest they
flew.
I sank with them a year today,
Because of you.
A year ago today—alas, dear heart,
You loved me well, and that I know.
And yet today my heart is lone and drear,
Because of you.

TAKE TOO BIG CHANCES

Why is it that men and women
will never learn that overwork and
nervous strain will certainly ruin
health. Every day the papers tell
of the dreadful results of overtaking
one's strength, yet the others keep
right on without profiting by the
lesson.

Henry Jacobs of Ninth avenue, N.
Y., went through this experience and
now writes in a letter: "I was in bad
health for two years, very nervous
and weak, no appetite, could not
sleep well and had no ambition or
energy. I was getting worse all the
time."

"But since I began taking Vinol
there is a wonderful difference. I
have gained 14 pounds in less than
two months, have a splendid appetite
and can enjoy my meals. My nerves
are strong and I sleep soundly. I
simply feel fine now, which shows
what Vinol did for me."

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TO PROTECT WATER BUCKETS

Stable Boys Bore Holes in Their Bottoms and Carry Cords in Their Pockets.

"Anybody who has occasion to use a water bucket," said a man acquainted with their various uses, "is likely to pick up the first one he comes to, then he may put it back where he found it or he may not."

"It was to prevent their being carried off in this way and left around where they didn't belong that fire buckets came to be made with round bottoms, so that they wouldn't stand on their own bottom. Such buckets, as you know, are kept filled with water and standing around in buildings, supported in holders having rounded out spaces in which the buckets rest. These buckets are likely to be left where they belong."

"A man who doesn't know their peculiarity may come along some day and pick up one of them and carry it off, but he is likely to leave the fire buckets alone after one experience of seeing the bucket he has carried off roll over when he set it down and spill out all the water."

"Perhaps you don't know what stable boys do to keep their buckets where they can find them. The stable boy protects his particular bucket by boring a hole in its bottom, so that it won't hold water; nobody wants a bucket that won't hold water. Then he carries in his pocket a cork that will fit the hole in the bucket, and when he has use for it he simply plugs the hole, and there's the bucket ready for use."

"To be sure other boys around a stable may carry corks in their pockets, but the run of people don't; and so the boy who has bored the bottom of his bucket is at least a little more likely to find it when he wants it than he would be if it had no hole in it."

TOO REMARKABLE TO FALL

Ruined Old Barn Set Mose an Example and He Proceeded to Get Well.

In their first walk of the season at Woburn-in-the-Hills the judge and his wife stopped at the Bartons' to inquire for Mose, who was reported to have been "more'n common allin", long back." They found Mrs. Barton in the garden, weeding.

"Yes, he was awful bad 'all last winter," she said, gradually rising, and straightening up. "First he had gripe, an' that left his heart weak, an' 'long toward March his liver kind o' got out o' whack. Then Mose sent for doctor, an' he called it 'complication o' diseases'."

"You're a sick man," says doctor. "I know that," says Mose, "thout you're tellin' me! You know his you call it, is what stumps me. I guess I'd better get well—an' he did!"

"Suthin' in that, eh, squire?" said Mose, suddenly appearing from behind the house.

"Much!" asserted the judge. "Didn't find my argument in a book, same as you would, squire," Mose continued. "Got it up on the hills, from the old Collin's barn—'member it?"

"I should say I did!" said the judge, smiling reminiscently; "roofless, practically and open on all sides!"

"But kep' a-standin' for nigh thirty year 'cause it was so ramshackle it didn't know which way to fall. My case exactly!" declared Mose Martin, with a twinkle.—Youth's Companion.

Dismal Swamp Water.

Many interesting observations were made during a recent excursion into the Dismal Swamp of Virginia, sent out by the Washington Academy of Sciences. The swamp is divided into two parts, as far as the character of the vegetation is concerned—the "black gum" and the "juniper" areas. The juniper area is of particular interest. Juniper is the local name for the Southern white cedar. Swamp blueberry, white adler, inkberry, fetter bush and other species of the heather family are intermingled with the juniper trees. The water of the juniper swamp contains a remarkably small quantity of mineral matter and has the color of tea. It is antiseptic, and before the days of distilled sea water it furnished the favorite supply of drinking water for ships starting on long voyages from Norfolk. The sailors called it "juniper water," and were very fond of it.—Youth's Companion.

Selling Perfume in Mexico.

All classes in Mexico buy perfumes, even the Yaquis. There is a large mail-order business done from this section of Mexico. Sample packages of very small come in free, but many salable-sized packages, even if marked "sample," would be dutiable. If perfume is sent by mail the duty is collected by the postoffice before delivery of the goods; if sent by express the company advances the duty at the frontier and collects on delivering the goods. If a package is sent by mail, for actual sale, the sender should mark the value thereon; if by express, send the bill along.—United States Consular Reports.

A Perilous Duty.

"My position," remarked the eminent physician, "is one requiring the greatest tact and diplomacy." "What is the trouble?" "I feel conscientiously obliged to tell several of my most wealthy and influential patients that they overeat."

GRIM TRAGEDIES OF OCEAN

Many Vessels Abandoned at Sea That Are Constant Menace to Navigation.

There is a grimness about the brief news dispatch which states that the derelict destroyer Seneca, of the United States revenue cutter service, weighed anchor and steamed out of New York harbor to search for derelicts of the seven-day storm which ended recently. Vessels that have been abandoned at sea, unless deliberately destroyed, continue to be a menace to shipping for a long period following their abandonment. For many years it was customary for sea captains, on coming into port, to report such derelicts as they had observed during a voyage, and the government published charts in which the position of the reported derelicts was shown, in order that sailing masters might be on their guard against collision with them. There was at one time some talk of international co-operation in the task of clearing the sea of these floating ships, but nothing came of it, and the United States government finally took the matter up on its own account, being for a long time the only government which did so, and presumably it occupies that position to this day. The vessels designated as derelict destroyers are specially fitted out with dynamite and other means of destroying, and sinking the floating menaces to navigation, and the significance of the departure of the Seneca lies in the fact that the storm of last week is supposed to have caused many wrecks off Hatteras and along the coast of the Carolinas.

HARD TO PAY THE TAXES

French Deputy Runs Afoul of Red Tape When He Tries to Get on Tax Roll.

Jean Javal, who was elected deputy of the Sens division of the Yonne department in France in 1910, bought a house in Sens just after the election. Discovering a few days ago that he had never paid any taxes on the property he looked up the list and found that his name had never been placed there.

As no self-respecting socialist-radical republican deputy would care to avoid such an obligation, and not forgetting the weapon non-payment of taxes would give to his opponents in a future election, M. Javal wrote to the authorities asking to be inscribed on the list.

The letter was returned with the notification that his request could not be considered unless it was sent in on stamped paper, with a 60 centime (10-cent) stamp.

Violin Was a "Find."

Garford Yost, violinist, has a valuable violin which he acquired under interesting circumstances. His story of the "find" as told by himself follows:

"One day in Berlin, as I came out of one of the music stores I was stopped by a couple of gypsies. They had at least a half dozen violins caught up loosely by the necks. Some were stringless, cracked and dirty. They asked me if I wanted to buy a violin cheap and I replied that I was always looking for good violins. Meanwhile I had scanned the violins and I observed one with very artistic lines and workmanship, good varnish, but in bad repair. I asked him how much they wanted for that one and they replied 120 marks. Of course I could not try the violin in the street so I gave them my card and told them to call in the afternoon. As soon as I placed the bow on the strings I realized what it was. I finally got the violin for 79 marks. I guess it was cheap. Would I sell it? Well, hardly."

Real Enemy of Aeroplane.

One still often reads comments on the effects of musketry on aeroplanes, usually written by those who have probably never seen the effect of bullets fired from a distance. It has been truly said that to hit a "rocketing" aeroplane with a rifle shot is an extremely difficult matter, but to conclude that the aviator is therefore immune when at 1,000 feet up is absurd, says Sir Baden-Powell. It is not the danger from one marksman that has to be taken into account, but volleys from a whole battalion. If 2,000 or 4,000 shots be fired at a machine while it traverses one hundred yards, there is a good chance of its sustaining some danger so long as it is well within range. It is, however, the Maxim gun that seems likely to be the most formidable enemy of the aeroplane. All such guns must in future be mounted in such a way as to enable them to be fired nearly vertically.

How to Use a Life Preserver.

"The worst trouble about a life preserver," said an old sailor, "is that few people know what to do with one when it's thrown to them. Many a man would drown in trying to get a life preserver over his head."

"The average person struggling about in the water would try to lift up the big life ring and put it over his head. That only causes the man to sink deeper and take more water into his lungs."

"The proper way to approach a life preserver in the water is to take hold of the side nearest you and press upon it with all your weight. That causes the other side to fly up in the air and down over your head, 'ringing' you as neatly as a man ringing a cane at a county fair. After that the drowning man can be rescued."—From the American Boy.

JOHN W. GATES AND THE CAB

Little Gambling Episode in Which "Watch-me" Was Able to Say "You Lose" Three Times.

A Gates anecdote that never got so far as it deserved, if it was true, was about his riding down town from a New York hotel in a cab with a stock market friend.

"I'll match you," said John Watch-me, "to see whether you or I buy this horse and cab from the driver, if it's his."

It was cabby's, so they matched, and John Watch-me had the satisfaction of saying, "You lose." The bargain struck, John Watch-me had another proposition to offer the new owner.

"Now I'll match you," he said, "to see whether you keep the outfit or whether you sell it back to cabby at his own price." And once more John Watch-me said, "You-lose."

Here it dawned upon Gates' companion that in the last match John Watch-me had stood no chance to lose, whichever way it went, and he made remarks.

"All right," said John Watch-me. "I'll match you to see whether you or I stand the difference between the buying and the selling price." For what he had just sold cabby would only give a buying price that was just \$100 less. This was the stake in the last match, and for the third time John Watch-me was able to say, "You lose."

TWO MULES WITH HISTORY

The Only Hybrids in the Geographical Service Are Sent to Kauai.

Two mules with a history were shipped down to W. B. Hardy on the Island of Kauai recently. He is carrying on the work of the geographical and water research branch of the department there, and it was found that animal transportation was the only way to meet the difficulties.

There were only two mules in that branch of the service and they were over in California. Likewise Hardy was the man who worked them over there when he was on the mainland. Now he and his friends will be reunited on Kauai.

The work of the department on that island is arduous owing to the fact that where the water runs are not always roads. Accordingly, some means have to be found by which the investigator could get about. He has a saddle and pack and can ride the mules as far as he can get them over the tracks, and then do the rest of the work on foot. The work necessitates constant traveling of a rough sort.—Honolulu Bulletin.

Not a Cheap Building.

It has been estimated that to rebuild the pyramid of Cheops under modern conditions an expenditure of \$100,000,000 would be necessary and the labor of 40,000 men for two years required.

It has been calculated that the work really required the services of 100,000 men for thirty years.

The pyramid occupies a space of twelve and three-quarters acres, is 745 feet high and contains about 148,815,000 cubic yards of stone and granite.

The material alone represents an item of \$36,000,000, while the labor would increase this amount to \$72,000,000. To this must be added \$3,000,000 for tools, transportation, and similar items.

The pyramid is built on a solid rock 150 feet deep, and to build a foundation of this character would add to the cost to the extent of making the total of \$100,000,000.—Scientific American.

When Sleeping.

It is well to sleep from infancy with the head uncovered, as the hair thus retains its beauty longer. On retiring the hair should be raised high above the ears, without pulling, plaited loosely in a single braid and tied with a silk or cotton ribbon. Avoid wearing starched nightcaps, as the starch is injurious to the hair. When old age approaches it may be well to wear nightcaps.

Brush the hair well, using a soft brush, on going to bed and in the morning. The best brushes are made with short bristles. If the hair is combed from the roots downward without being divided in several parts, much harm may be done to it. The hairs would certainly be broken off, become uneven and could never be made to look cared for. It is an excellent thing to smooth the hair with the hands.

Cats Drive Off Snakes.

For many years I have been running a cattle station in Queensland, where snakes are tolerably numerous. At the head station we have always kept up a standing army of from 15 to 20 cats and have been practically free from the presence of snakes about the building and yards.

That this was owing to the presence of our cats I have no doubt whatever. They were always on the lookout, and I have often seen members of our feline body guard growling over dead or dying snakes and have more than once witnessed savage encounters between them and their victims. On the other hand, martlets to their duty were from time to time found dead in the morning with all the evidence of a fight and their defeat in the shape of a snakebite on their bodies.—Specialist.

The KITCHEN CABINET

HE loftier my thoughts become, the less is there to divide me from the humblest of my fellow creatures.—Masterlinck.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When roasting wild ducks instead of stuffing them, put an onion in some and a bunch of celery in others. Of course neither the onion or celery is to be served.

Flour should always be sifted before measuring. When baking powder is used sift it with the flour several times, using two pieces of manilla paper, the wrapping paper that the grocers use.

Don't overwork, there is nothing gained and many times much lost by it.

If over heavy in weight eat less sweets and turn away from candy. Don't forget to drink plenty of water.

Keep the feet warm, low shoes have no place after the frost arrives.

"Work well begun is half done." This means well planned. Let each day's work be carefully thought out, have an aim and make it high enough for something to work toward.

Take time to play a little at least once a week, if not every day.

Follow up a match head that has snapped off in striking, and avert a fire.

In looking for a leak in a gas pipe don't strike matches along the pipe, but rub the suspected place with soap-suds and the gas if there will escape and form a small bubble, showing the break.

Water should never be thrown on a kerosene lamp when it has exploded as it only spreads the flame. Smother the fire with rugs or quilts.

The ashes from the burned leaves make a fine sweetener of the garden soil.

To pour oil on a smoldering fire is always a reckless thing to do. One may escape ninety-nine times, but the hundredth will be your Waterloo.

Have a hot soup these cold nights for a supper dish, they are relished by the best of men.

Remember there are none in the humblest walks of life that are not able to teach us something.

Experience is often dearly bought and she is wise who will avail herself of that which has been proved by others.

Don't put off the Christmas preparations another day, begin now, and avoid a case of nervous prostration after the holidays are over.

Nellie Maxwell.

Pure Born From Death.

Soul, get thee to the heart. Of wonder primrose, hide thee there—There breathes the meditations of thine art. Suffused with prayer.

Of spirit grave yet light. How fervent fragrances uprise Pure-born from these most rich and yet most white Virgin lies!

Unleashed with unvarying death. Grow, Soul, unto such white estate. That virgin-prayerful art shall be thy breath. Thy work, thy fate.

—Sidney Lanier.

Royal Linguist.

A princess of Hawaii has just returned to this country from France, where she studied for six years. Her mother, who was but two steps removed from the Hawaiian throne, married a wealthy Chinaman. Their daughter is a great beauty and speaks eight languages. She will enter a convent in Honolulu.

New Meat Boiler.

A boiler, invented by a Virginian, holds the meat to be cooked in a vertical position within a casing that catches every drop of juice that falls from it.

Money Coming to You

Put \$100 in this bank, at the end of one year you will have that \$100 and also \$4.00 coming to you as interest.

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IS DEAN OF ALL INDIANS

Sitting Elk, Mighty Warrior Who Never Killed White Man, Is Oldest Redman.

Oldest of all Indians in the United States, Sitting Elk, former chief of the Ogallala Sioux, is visiting in Denver, the guest of the white man, against whom he always refused to make war.

For almost a century he has been a leader among his people, but, wiser than other chiefs, he early realized that the red man was doomed and at every opportunity he counseled peace with the palefaces.

He could well afford to do so, for his people knew he was no coward.

"I have never killed a white man," he proudly boasts, "but I have fought many battles, and I have done many brave deeds in my long life of ninety-six years. I was but seventeen when I waylaid and killed my first enemy. That was a very brave deed. Since then I have killed many, many enemies."

Sitting Elk is a total abstainer. He smokes cigarettes, but insists he has none of the other bad habits of the white man. He is childless, the last of his line, but he expects to live for many years more—to be hale and hearty long after he has passed the century mark.

Sitting Elk moves tall and stately among his kinsmen, and puffs his pipe with a complacency unvaried by thoughts of any immediate journey to the happy hunting grounds.

Bright of eye, keen of mind, the old warrior dons paint and feathers for his appearance with the younger members of his tribe in the headlong dashes across the amphitheater at the stock yards, and rides with an abandon which defies the spectator to single him from the reckless redskins who have but one-fourth his years to their credit.

Heart Is Best Guide.

The man who offers sympathy to a neighbor and who comforts him in time of trouble can afford to run the risk of being accused of not minding his own business. An act of genuine kindness is readily distinguished from intermeddling. The heart is sometimes a better guide for action than the head.

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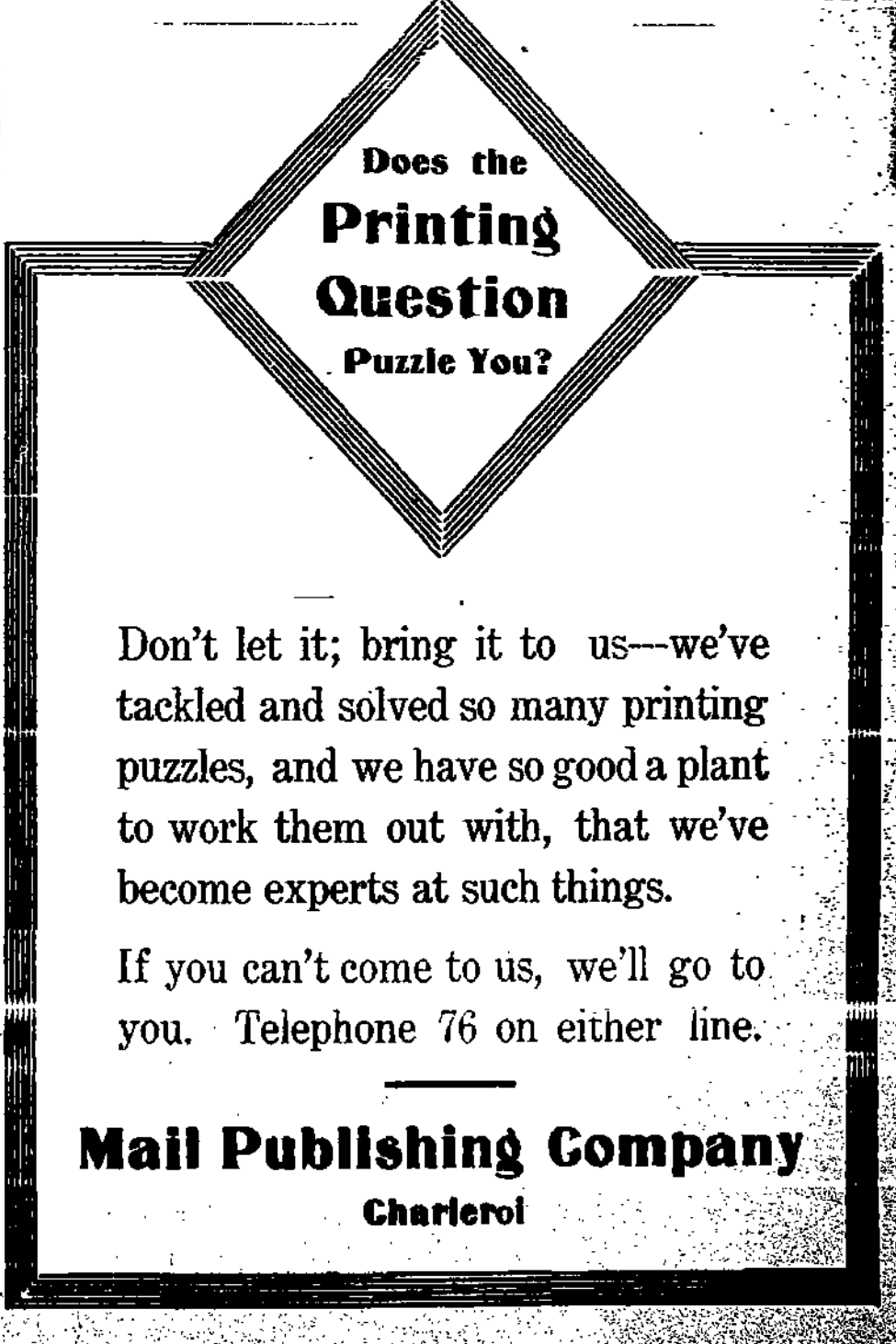
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Large comforts with a good selection of covers, at **\$1.00**

Large size comforts, made of good quality, white cotton and all colors in covers made of best silkline, sateen, and comfort calicoes, prices range at **\$1.25 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$2.50**

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10 per cent reduction on all hats, caps, dress shirts, Sweater Coats, and Wool Underwear. Murdock & McCarty. 115-11

After Christmas Shoe Bargains

Boys' Winterweight Shoes

All sizes, all leathers—regulation cut. Extra special. \$2.50 shoes, Special. **\$1.69**

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A lot of Misses' and Children's well made dressy Shoes; \$1.50 and \$2 values in all leathers, all sizes.

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These are only a few of the decided bargains that will be found here. If you can arrange to come early you will have more comfort and better attention.

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502 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

LOCAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Johnston have returned from Franklin where they visited relatives and friends.

Miss Bernice Clutter, after spending the holidays at home has returned to school at Baltimore, Md.

You can get a Monarch \$1.00 Dress Shirt for 90c at Murdock & McCarty's. 115-11

Robert Worthington has assumed the position as clerk for the Armour Packing Company here.

Miss Anna Craven has returned to her home in Beallsville after a brief visit with Misses Lulu and Roberta Trew, of Lincoln avenue.

The Hidden Reason.

There is always something that keeps some women from striking their stride.

Greatest Gold Producer.

The Witwatersrand district of South Africa is the greatest gold producing center of the world.

Among The Passers

Charleroi goes to Connellsville tonight to battle with the Cokers, will play Uniontown Thursday night and be at home Saturday night for a struggle with Johnstown. The team doesn't play Friday.

Johnstown by defeating Uniontown has regained first place.

The Charleroi protest on the Southside game of last Saturday will be acted upon at the next League meeting. If it goes wrong for Johnny Freund, he is likely to get hefty and threaten to leave the league, but such threats from such a source do not bother anyone very much.

Lots of people are picking Albe Brown as the best center in the league. He seems to have something on Bill Powell and Keenan.

Father Andy Sears has a sore elbow; that's what's the matter with him.

Dolin's playing in his initial appearance on forward the other night won for him considerable commendation. Speaking of your substitute players where are you going to find any better than this brilliant Washington and Jefferson lad?

"Pretzels" Pfeiffer, hasn't failed to get in a game yet and the way he made his presence felt established his reputation among the most brilliant basket gaurdians in the circuit.

Big Bill Herron, who scares the scales every time he looks at them

and pink and white decorations, with the initial "E" prettily occupying a place in the center, Wheeler's orchestra of five pieces, located in the west corner of the hall, discoursed music for the dancers. To the left was the artificial moon, partly hidden by pine branches. Chandeliers were twined with white and pink ribbon and crepe paper and windows were bordered with the same. On each of the windows was a pink initial, "E". Over the mantel the pink and white decorations were profuse. A number of rugs placed near the stands and tables on the floor added to the general effect.

Thirty couples were present, a number coming from out-of-town to attend the affair. Among the places represented were Pittsburg, Monongahela, Braddock, Ford City, Charleston, W. Va., California, Brownsville and other nearby towns. There were a number of feature dances but the most enjoyed possibly was the tag two-step. Others particularly enjoyed were the skibo, the Cuban and the rye dances.

The five hostesses, Misses Frances, Anna, Tena, Marie, and Johanna Estenfelder personally supervised the arrangements for the affair and by their charming hospitality made it the brilliant function that it was.

COMMISSIONER IS APPOINTED

Arthur Witherspoon Named to Follow Election Contest Proceedings

Upon agreement by the counsel concerned and the report of such agreement to Judge Taylor, who is sitting in the Martin-Lewis prothonotary contest, the court at Washington Tuesday evening appointed Attorney Arthur R. Witherspoon commissioner in the contest for the office of prothonotary being made by Joe Martin of California. The decree of the court is lengthy and, outlines fully the duties of the commissioner and provides for clerks and assistants and for a stenographer.

Mr. Martin was the Keystone-Democratic candidate for the office of prothonotary and Dr. A. V. Lewis, of Donora, was the Republican candidate. This was the first time since 1912 a plurality vote of 12.

The counsel for the petitioner, Attorneys B. B. Barr, Albert S. Sprowls and A. G. Braden, and for Dr. Lewis, Attorneys Underwood & Meloy and James I. Brownson, held a meeting Monday afternoon and it was agreed that Attorney Witherspoon be selected as commissioner, and his appointment recommended to the court. The selection of Mr. Witherspoon was perfectly satisfactory to both sides, and to both petitioner and respondent.

LEAP YEAR DANCE

IMPORTANT EVENT

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DONORA LODGE TO BE FORMED

New Order of Elks to Have Large Number of Charter Members

Officers and a number of members of Charleroi Lodge, No. 194, B. P. O. Elks are in Donora this afternoon to help in the institution of a new lodge of Elks at that place. The work of institution will be conducted by F. J. Schrader, of Pittsburg, district deputy grand exalted ruler. The new lodge will be No. 1265.

About 125 men, composing the charter members will be initiated this afternoon, the officers of the Charleroi lodge composing the degree team which will have charge of this part of the work. After the institution of the lodge a social session will be held in the First National bank hall.

BOWLING

On the Crescents' alleys the Stars won all three games from the Crescents at duck pins Tuesday evening. Capt. Sahnner had high score as well as high average. The game was highly interesting and much interest manifested as the Stars by winning went into second place in the race. On Friday evening the Comets bowl the Venusses, and Adolph promises to make it interesting for the leaders. Following is the score and standing to date.

	Crescents	Stars
Theodore	101 94 58	
Myford	89 86 83	
Moore	96 99 101	
Phillips	114 106 104	
Totals	390 385 378	

	W	L	P
Sahnner	106 114 120		
Hepler	101 106		
Berton	111 100		
Eick	89 105		
Zacher	112	106	
Cupp	105	105	
Totals	418 429 433		

	W	L	P
Comets	14 4 778		
Stars	13 8 719		
Crescents	11 10 524		
Venusses	1 17 56		

	W	L	P
Comets	14	4	.778
Stars	13	8	.719
Crescents	11	10	.524
Venususes	1	17	.56

In the City Duckpin league at the Casino alleys the Independents took two out of three from the Owls Tuesday night. B. Newton was high making 147. Score:

Casinos.			
Briggs	97	132	105
C. Davis ...	94	115	97
B. Newton ..	147	117	106
August	116	107	125
Chase	136	92	97

Totals	590	563	530

Owls			
Oates	85	103	128
W. Newton ..	125	108	105
Vernon	92	89	105
Kuhn	100	100	107
Middelton ..	86	94	99
Osbourne	110	110	97

Totals	508	504	534

RESULTS IN LOCAL BILLIARD MATCH

In the Billiard Tournament at the Crescent Billiard Room Arrigo of the Hoppes defeated Sharkey of the Schaeffers 100 to 30 in 25 innings. Arrigo played a phenomenal game, having high runs of 15, 13 and 10. Jack of the Hoppes and Hepler of the Schaeffers play tonight. These games are highly interesting with good attendance at each game. The Hoppes now lead the Schaeffers by three games.

The time of the last game was 45 minutes, with Monack as referee.

Justices Meet at County Seat.

Justice of the Peace E. E. Rice attended the annual meeting of the Washington County Association of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace at Washington Tuesday. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. D. Hornbake California; vice presidents, J. D. McBride, Washington, F. B. Ham-bry, Donora; secretary, J. M. McDowell, Buffalo township; treasurer, M. R. Allen, East Washington.

Star Theatre

TODAY

Before Yorktown, 2 Reels.

The Courting of Mary.

Matinee daily, 2 to 4.30 p. m.

Saturday Matinee, 1 to 4.30 p. m.

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SCHOOL STARTS AFTER VACATION

Back from their holiday vacations spent enjoyably at various places and in various ways, teachers and pupils of the Charleroi schools Tuesday morning took up their duties of the second term of the year. Prof and Mrs James G. Pentz together with eight teachers have just returned from the meeting of the State school convention at Philadelphia. During the first week of the holiday vacation the county institute was held at Washington and the majority of teachers attended it.

INDEPENDENT CHANGES HOME

After nine years of existence during which time it has occupied three homes, the Monessen Independent has moved into its fourth place of abode, a commodious brick structure built by Harry Pore, the controlling spirit of the bright newsy sheet published in the town across the river. Editor Pore on Saturday moved his equipment from the building on Sixth street which has done duty for some years to his building across the street from the former location. Henceforth the paper will be published from that place. The removal marks an important period in the destinies of the Independent.

Diver at Work.

Edward Hipple, a lock tender at Lock No. 2, and a diver has started the work of repairing a wicket chain at Lock No. 4. The work requires arving.

Classified Ads.

WANTED—Men to commence the New Year right by going to work for us and sell our line of Tea, Coffee, Baking Powder, Spices, Extracts, Soap products and Sundries to the consumer on commission basis. No capital to start. Small bond required. Address, Grand Union Tea Co., 820 Federal St., Pittsburg, Pa. 130-13.

WANTED—Three or four unfurnished rooms with bath preferred. Address "D." Mail office. 131-13p.

FOR SALE—Fine driving horse, 8 years old; phaeton, sleigh and harness. Reason for selling, have automobile. Apply "K" Mail office. 124-1f.

FOR SALE—Four roomed house, and four acres land on Monongahela road near Lock No. 4. Inquire E. S. Primas, Lock No. 4, Pa. 131-12p.

FOR SALE—Two lots on Shady avenue, 186 and 187. Inquire of Isaac Smock, Monongahela. 131-13p.

FOR RENT—Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Use of bath. Heat furnished, \$10 a month. Inquire "M" Mail office. 131-12p.

FOR RENT—Flats. Corner McKean avenue and Second street. 130-16p.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Apply 835 Fallowfield avenue. 44-1f.